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## WATTERSON AT ESOPUS.

Henry Watterson, the Kentucky editor and orator, went to Rosemont yesterday with Mrs. Watterson and discussed with Judge Parker certain details of the democratic campaign from the point of view of one who has participated actively in seven political conflicts. Mr. Watterson is in the east for the purpose of attending the meeting of democratic editors which is to be held in New York next week. The conference lasted sometime, and the editor and his wife remained to luncheon, returning to New York in the afternoon.

Mr. Watterson spoke hopefully of the prospects for democratic success this fall, but agreed with many other old and experienced party leaders that it is yet too early to make an intelligent forecast.

"I have confidence in the reports from all parts of the country that the democratic party is thoroughly united," he said. "The party will poll its normal vote, but this will be true also of the republican party. This year, as in many former years, the independent vote will be the decisive element, and it appears to be that the trend of this vote is toward Judge Parker."

Regarding his plans for the campaign, he said: "My labors will be confined to my own particular sphere, and I shall extend my writing to do as much for Judge Parker as I can. I have not been on the stump since 1892. I said at that time I would not attend another national convention or again go on the stump. I was in seven consecutive conventions and feel that I have done my part. I was asked to make an address next Wednesday night to the democratic editors who are to meet in New York, and I have accepted. Of course, it is probable that I may talk some politics at that time. I have found that I can talk about current topics. The morning papers give me plenty of subject matter, as a rule. On this occasion I have decided to speak from the subject, 'If I were a Republican.' My talk will not be a discussion of issues to any great extent. It will come nearer being the philosophy of politics based on the present conflict. If I were a republican now I would vote for Parker, and in my address I will tell why I would vote for him."

Mr. Watterson had never met Judge Parker though Judge Parker knows Mr. Watterson. In 1880 Judge Parker listened to the Kentucky editor, when he made a vehement denunciation of the New York delegation to the democratic national convention at Cincinnati. Judge Parker said afterward that Colonel Watterson had expressed the views he should have liked to deliver to the delegation. Colonel Watterson and his family will sail for Europe on November 16 and will spend the winter in Rome.

There was considerable surprise at Rosemont yesterday evening, when a correction was made of a statement issued in the morning to the morning to the effect that Judge and Mrs. Parker had completed their arrangements for a St. Louis trip. It is now announced that Judge Parker has changed his mind in regard to the trip and in all probability will not leave Rosemont again during the campaign. It is understood that good reasons were presented to Judge Parker in argument against the proposed trip, and that the abandonment of the programme is the result. So far as is now intended, Judge Parker will make no speeches during the campaign.

**Suicide of Young Wife.**

An unique story of a single and straightforward devotion to the Christian faith was unfolded at Brookville, Ind., Thursday, when Coroner Bogart held his preliminary inquest over the body of Mrs. Anna Otto, who committed suicide by hanging at the home of her sister, Mrs. Amelia Haman.

Mrs. Otto was married July 3 last. She was of intensely religious nature, having been devoted, heart and soul, to her work in the Methodist Church. On Tuesday morning while dressing Mr. Otto found an unfinished note in his wife's handwriting lying on the bureau reading as follows:

"My Dear Husband—I implore you to forgive me for my contemplated awful plunge into eternity."

Shocked that his young wife should even contemplate such a deed, Mr. Otto spoke to her on the matter in the presence of her sister. The wife could give no reason for wishing to end her own life beyond the assertion that she was tired of living. But she said she realized that the step she had determined to make was without the sanction of the God she loved, and that she had prayed night and morning that she might be given strength to resist the awful temptation. She feared that she could not alone withstand the desire to end her life, and that, therefore, she wanted the help of those near and dear to her. She accordingly asked that they pray with and for her, that she be given strength to keep from taking the step into the beyond. This wish was granted and thereupon was enacted the unusual spectacle of three persons kneeling in prayer to ask that one of their number be given the strength of mind to combat the desire for self-destruction. At the conclusion of the prayer Mrs. Otto declared that she felt strength enough, and begged her husband to go to his

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